



2015 Garden Creek Allotment

USFWS Monitoring Report

Annual Monitoring Report Form for Actions covered under the Service's Biological Opinion for Grazing on Allotments Managed by the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

Please submit annually by **March 1** to the Supervisor of the Service's Eastern Idaho Field Office:

4425 Burley Dr., Suite A, Chubbuck, Idaho 83202
Telephone (208)237-6975.

Please include name and contact information in case additional information is needed.

- 1. What was the name of that stream in this allotment surveyed for impacted redds?**
See table below.
- 2. What was the date of the survey, and what were the water conditions?**
See table below.
- 3. Which stream segment was surveyed and how many redds and impacted redds were found? (Please give GPS start and stop points for segments)?**
See table below.
- 4. What was the date that livestock were removed from the pasture with surveyed stream segment?**

Cattle began trailing off the Keystone Unit on October 1 until October 10, 2016. All cattle were off the Keystone Unit by October 10, 2016.

- 5. Did this number exceed the scale anticipated in section VII of the Biological Opinion?**

No, per the 2015 modified annual operating instruction, cattle were to be kept away from Garden Creek through riding/herding even though cattle were within the Keystone Unit after September 15, 2016.

- 6. Were there any changes to the grazing management that differed from the proposed grazing management in the Forest's Biological Assessment? If yes, what were they?**

Yes. The proposed grazing management in the Biological Assessment states that livestock will not graze within the Keystone Unit after approximately September 15 to reduce impacts to bull trout redds. The permittee was authorized in modified annual operating instructions, dated August 26, 2015, to have cattle in the Keystone Unit from September 27 through October 10, 2015, with the provision that cattle were kept away from Garden Creek through herding. The permittee failed to follow the grazing rotation identified in his initial annual operating instructions, dated May 28, 2015. Consequently, the permittee received a notice of non-compliance, dated December 30, 2015.



The Elevenmile Fire burned portions of the Yankee Fork Unit of the Garden Creek Allotment beginning in late August 2015. On August 28, 2015, the permittee removed his cattle from the Garden Creek Allotment on order from the Forest Service for safety concerns due to the Elevenmile Fire. The cattle had not yet grazed in the Keystone Unit, with the exception of about a dozen stray cattle that had been observed in that unit on July 17, 2015. On September 8, 2015, the permittee was given permission to put cattle back on the allotment for the remainder of his season in line with the grazing rotation identified in his modified annual operating instructions.

7. **Were there any unexpected circumstances or events that resulted in impacts beyond those anticipated in the Forest's Biological Assessment or the Service's Biological Opinion? If yes, please describe.**

No.

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Table 1. Bull Trout redd survey summary.

Stream	Date	Water Conditions	Downstream UTM (NAD83)	Upstream UTM (NAD83)	Redds Observed	Impacted Redds
Garden Creek	10/22/2015	low, clear	Zone 11, 712473 E, 4926889 N	Zone 11, 711749 E, 4926135 N	0	0